

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) A binder for the production of a layer and/or a coating containing aggregates for road works and/or civil engineering, consisting essentially of, based on the total weight of (a) and (b):

(a) 30 to 80% in weight of at least one natural or modified natural resin, of vegetable origin, having a softening point measured according to the standard EN 1427 of 30 to 200°C;

(b) 20 to 70% in weight of at least one oil of vegetable origin having a viscosity at 25°C of 50mPa.s to 1000Pa.s, and, optionally

(c) one or several coloring agents,

(d) at least one catalyst for polymerizing vegetable oil(s),

wherein said binder has:

(e1) a penetrability of 25°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 1426, of 20 to 300 1/10 mm and a softening point of 30 to 75°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 1427; or

(e2) a penetrability at 15°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 1426, of 300 to 900 1/10 mm and a viscosity at

60°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 12596 of 2 to 20Pa.s; and

wherein said binder is exempt of any natural or synthetic elastomer and of any thermoplastic polymer.

19. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin has a softening point measured according to the standard EN 1427 of 80 to 200°C.

20. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin has a softening point measured according to the standard EN 1427 of 100 to 200°C.

21. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin has a softening point measured according to the standard EN 1427 of 120 to 180°C.

22. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said binder comprises 40 to 70% in weight of resin and 30 to 60% in weight of vegetable oil.

23. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the natural or modified natural resin of vegetable origin is a harvest resin.

24. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 23, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of accroid resins, dammar, natural or modified natural rosins, rosin esters, rosin soaps and metal resinsates.

25. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 24, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rosin esters are

polymerized rosin esters and glycerol and/or maleated rosin esters and glycerol and the resonates are calcium resinsates.

26. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the natural or modified natural resin of vegetable origin is a fossil resin.

27. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 26, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of the copals.

28. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the vegetable oil is an oil selected from the group consisting of colza oil, sunflower oil, soja bean oil, flax oil, olive oil, palm oil, ricin oil, wood oil, maize oil, gourd oil, grape pips oil, jojoba oil, sesame oil, nut oil, hazel oil, almond oil, shea oil, macadamia oil, cotton oil, Lucerne oil, rye oil, cartham oil, groundnut oil, copra oil, and mixtures thereof.

29. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the catalyst is selected from the group consisting of cobalt salt, zirconium salt, and manganese salt.

30. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the salt is an octanoate or a naphtenate.

31. (previously presented) A binder for the production of a layer and/or a coating containing aggregates for road works

and/or civil engineering, consisting essentially of, based on the total weight of (a) and (b):

(a) 30 to 80% in weight of at least one natural or modified natural resin, of vegetable origin, having a softening point measured according to the standard EN 1427 of 30 to 200°C;

(b) 20 to 70% in weight of at least one oil of vegetable origin having a viscosity at 25°C of 50mPa.s to 1000Pa.s, and, optionally

(c) one or several coloring agents,

(d) at least one catalyst for polymerizing vegetable oil(s),

wherein said binder has:

(e1) a penetrability of 25°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 1426, of 20 to 300 1/10 mm and a softening point of 30 to 75°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 1427; or

(e2) a penetrability at 15°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 1426, of 300 to 900 1/10 mm and a viscosity at 60°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 12596 of 2 to 20Pa.s.

32. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin has a softening point measured according to the standard EN 1427 of 80 to 200°C.

33. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin has a softening point measured according to the standard EN 1427 of 100 to 200°C.

34. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin has a softening point measured according to the standard EN 1427 of 120 to 180°C.

35. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said binder comprises 40 to 70% in weight of resin and 30 to 60% in weight of vegetable oil.

36. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the natural or modified natural resin of vegetable origin is a harvest resin.

37. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 36, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of accroïd resins, dammar, natural or modified natural rosins, rosin esters, rosin soaps and metal resinates.

38. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 37, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rosin esters are polymerized rosin esters and glycerol and/or maleated rosin esters and glycerol and the resonates are calcium resinates.

39. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the natural or modified natural resin of vegetable origin is a fossil resin.

40. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 39, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the resin is selected from the group consisting of the copals.

41. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the vegetable oil is an oil

selected from the group consisting of colza, sunflower, soja bean, flax, olive, palm, ricin, wood, maize, gourd, grape pips, jojoba, sesame, nut, hazel, almond, shea, macadamia, cotton, Lucerne, rye, cartham, groundnut, copra, and mixtures thereof.

42. (currently amended) The binder according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the catalyst is selected from the group consisting of cobalt salt, zirconium salt, and manganese salt.

43. (new) A binder for the production of a layer and/or a coating containing aggregates for road works and/or civil engineering, consists of, based on the total weight of (a) and (b):

(a) 30 to 80% in weight of at least one natural or modified natural resin, of vegetable origin, having a softening point measured according to the standard EN 1427 of 30 to 200°C;

(b) 20 to 70% in weight of at least one oil of vegetable origin having a viscosity at 25°C of 50mPa.s to 1000Pa.s, and, optionally

(c) one or several coloring agents,

(d) at least one catalyst for polymerizing vegetable oil(s),

wherein said binder has:

(e1) a penetrability of 25°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 1426, of 20 to 300 l/10 mm and a softening point of 30 to 75°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 1427; or

(e2) a penetrability at 15°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 1426, of 300 to 900 1/10 mm and a viscosity at 60°C, measured according to the standard NF EN 12596 of 2 to 20Pa.s.